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In re Application of:	Brian J. Brown, Michael Davis, David Friesen, Timothy J. Ley and Sean P. Skubitz
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For:	Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent
Examiner:	Vy Q. Bui
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Mail Stop Amendment
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P.O. Box 1450
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Docket No.: S63.2B-6769-US01

AMENDMENT

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